

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 7, 8 and 9, have been further amended to better define the claimed invention. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments. Entry is in order.

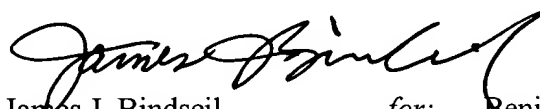
All claims are believed patentable over the applied art for the reasons advanced in the June 30, 2004 Amendment. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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